

Recommended amount:

Old: 800 milligrams/day

New: 1200 milligrams/day

Functions:

- x Bone & teeth structure
- x Intracellular & hormonal regulation
- x Nerve conduction
- x Muscle contraction
- x Neurotransmitter release
- x Vitamin B-12 absorption
- x Blood clotting
- x Activation of enzymes
- x Blood pressure regulation

Toxicity symptoms:

- x Constipation
- x Soft tissue calcification
- x Kidney stones

Deficiency symptoms:

- x Osteoporosis
- x Bone pain/fracture
- x Premature tooth loss

- x Muscle aches, cramps & spasms
- x Tetany
- x Hyperparathyroidism
- x Hypertension

Conditions contributing to deficiency:

- x Loss of stomach acid
- x Fat malabsorption
- x GI resection
- x Crohn's & Celiac disease
- x Stress
- x Vitamin D deficiency
- x Im<mark>m</mark>obility

Good Food Sources:

Milk
Yogurt
Cheese
Ice cream
Blackstrap molasses
Tofu

Sesame tahini Salmon, mackerel &

Sardines
Clams & Oysters

Dark leafy Greens

Broccoli

Legumes

Dried fruits

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Fortified orange juice

rice & cereal

Hard/mineral water